this date. Meantime, the Government may show their sincerity by bringing forward their own Bill. This time I think will be quite sufficient."

Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—" I beg to second it."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The question is that the consideration of this motion be adjourned for two months from this date."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Mr. President, if my friend will make it three months I would agree to this amendment, because two months would be too short a time to bring in the Government Bill."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The motion is already before the House. The hon. Minister will do well to move it as an amendment of his own."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I have not given notice and with your permission. I move to amend the word 'two' into 'three' in the motion of Mr. Karant."

The amendment was put and carried.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The amended adjournment motion, viz., that the consideration of this motion be adjourned for three months from this date, is before the House."

* Mr. MAHMUD SCHAMNAD :—" I rise to oppose the adjournment motion of Mr. Karant, and support Mr. Basheer's motion while I strongly deprecate his insinuations against the Muslim members on this side of the House."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I do not think the hon. Member will be in order in taking this opportunity to reply to the accusations made by Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed. Three months hence, when the motion comes for the consideration of the House, the hon. Member will certainly have the opportunity to attack Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed." (Laughter.)

* Mr. MAHMUD SCHAMNAD :—" I oppose Mr. Karant's motion for this reason that if after three months the Bill is to be taken up, we may not have much time to go on with the Bill. That means putting it off indefinitely. I support Mr. Basheer Ahmad's Bill for this reason. As the rules exist, it is almost impossible for minority communities to become presidents of taluk boards or district boards. So if this opportunity is lost, we may not have another opportunity in the near future to have this amendment. There are other provisions which I do not very much press, such as doing away with nominations and so on. All the same we can discuss them and find out some *via media*. So I oppose Mr. Karant's motion."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The question is that the consideration of this motion be adjourned for three months from this date."

The motion was put and carried.

V

A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS LOCAL BOARDS ACT, 1920.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" Mr. President, I beg leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920." 3 p.m.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT (after a pause) :—" For want of a seconder the proposition is lost."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" I second it."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I have already said, after waiting long enough for the motion to be seconded, that for want of a seconder the motion is lost."

VI

A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS VILLAGE PANCHAYAT ACT, 1920.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I understand that the Zamindar of Gollapalli has withdrawn his Bill to amend the Village Panchayat Act, 1920."

The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI :—" I have not withdrawn. I have applied to the Government of India to grant me permission to move it."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" As the hon. Member has conceded that it requires the previous sanction of the Governor-General and that he has applied for it, he has again to give notice with the sanction of the Governor-General."

VII

A BILL TO FURTHER AMEND THE MADRAS CITY MUNICIPAL ACT, 1919.

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—" Sir, I move that leave may be granted to me to introduce a Bill to further amend the Madras City Municipal Act, 1919."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" I second it."

* The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I would like to point out for your consideration and for the consideration of the hon. Member that some of the provisions of this Bill require the sanction of the Governor-General before he can proceed with it."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Will the hon. Minister kindly point out the provisions which require the Governor-General's sanction ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Clauses 43 and 58."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Does the hon. Mover concede that they require the sanction of the Governor-General ? "

Mr BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—" I have already deleted those provisions."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" That is another stage. I want to know whether he concedes that those sections require the previous sanction of the Governor-General ? "

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—" Mr. President, they were originally . . . "

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I want to know whether the hon. Member concedes that they require the previous sanction of the Governor-General."

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—" I have conceded it and I have since deleted those provisions and I beg leave that I may be granted leave to introduce the Bill without those provisions."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The Bill of which the hon. Member has given notice and of which a copy has been supplied to the Secretary contains provisions which require the previous sanction, even according to him, of His Excellency the Governor-General. The notice is invalid without the previous sanction and the motion is out of order."